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Trinidad and Tobago supports the multilateral approach to addressing the international proliferation and development of weapons of mass destruction, which is the immediate priority, and the furtherance of arms regulations to achieve general and complete disarmament under strict international control for the following reasons:

- The country's geographical location in relation to South American countries from which criminal networks use Trinidad and Tobago as a trans-shipment point for illegal drugs
- The cross-border character of the proliferation of illegal arms and ammunition due to said drug trade, which contributes to numerous gun-related crimes such as murders and kidnappings
- The porosity of our borders, which allows terrorists and criminal networks to traverse local airspace and the exclusive economic zone with a high degree of freedom, partly due to their armament capability
- International cooperation and coordination of efforts is required in order to decrease the incidence of diversion of arms and ammunition produced in neighbouring States.